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STUDY OF U.S. COKE SUPPLIES

1. OFFICIAL OF RUHRKOHLE AG HAS CALLED TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION ARTICLE APPEARING IN L'ECHO DE LA BOURSE, BRUSSELS, JANUARY 19, 1977. ARTICLE STATES THAT THE U.S. MAY SUFFER A SHORTAGE OF COKE BEGINNING IN 1985, AND CITES A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT THE RESOURCES OF COKING COAL ARE SUFFICIENT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BUT INVESTMENT IN COKING PLANTS IS INSUFFICIENT. A SHORTAGE OF COKE COUID OCCUR IF THE MANUFACTURING INSTALLATIONS ARE NOT MODERNIZED (APPARENTLY ONLY 10 OF THE COKE PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF THE U.S. IS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD). IF THE CURRENT RATE OF INVESTMENT, WHICH IS ONLY ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN CURRENT PRODUCTION CAPACITY, CONTINUES, A CAPACITY SHORTAGE OF 50- 100 MILLION TONS PER YEAR IS PROBABLE BY 1985.

2. RUHRKOHLE OFFICIAL HAS ASKED IF WE COULD OBTAIN A COPY OF THIS REPORT, OR AT LEAST CONFIRM THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT. UNCLASSIFIED

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